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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rural Reconstruction - Intesnsive work in selected firkas - Erection of M.B., Lahore and Twan Wassen sheds - Instructions etc., - Papers recorded.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (INDIA)(ARMY BRANCH).

No.9602/22/E.Planning, New Delhi, the 4th September 1947.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Public (Firka Development) Department, Madras.

Rural Reconstruction : Erection of Sheds.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.36820 FD-II/46-29 dated the 31st July 1947, requesting the loan of a military officer to assist in the erection of certain sheds, and to say that this request has been passed to the Chief Engineer, Southern Command, Poona, with instructions to that officer to render such assistance as may be possible.

This assistance must, however, be limited to the loan of an officer in an advisory capacity, and will not extend to the actual undertaking of the work of erection or to responsibility therefor.

I am, Sir, Your most obedient servant,
Sd.P.C.Bose,
Asst.Secy.to the Ministry of Defence.

Copy of letter No.22013, dated 11-9-1947 from to the Engineer-in-Charge, Public Works (Development) Department, Madras, from the CRE, Madras.

Sub: Erection of Huts.
Ref: Your No.36820 FD-II/46-29 of 31-7-47.

I have the honour to forward herewith a complete set of Instructions Books and Plans for (a) Lahore Sheds (B) M.B.Shedding and (c)Twin Nissen Huts received from the Chief Engineer, Southern Command.

It is suggested that your Engineer in charge of erection of sheds visits Poona and Dehu Road where he will see Twin Nissen Huts and T.G. Sheds under erection. The details of the visit may be arranged in consultation with G.E., Poona or G.E. Delhu Road.

It is regretted that individuals with experience of erection of Lahore Sheds have all been posted away from the area and are not available in the Station at the moment.

issens are also being erected at Sd. x x /Lt.Col.R.E.
.A.F. station, Tambaram. Should your R.J.Napier./CRE, Madras.
r wish to visit this Station, he should
the Garrison Engineer direct.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Rural Reconstruction - Intensive work in selected firkas - Erection of M.B., Lahore and Twin Nissen sheds - Instructions etc.Papers recorded.

Firka Development Department.

G.O.Ms.No.8 Dated 12-1-1948.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor) x x x /
Secy.to Government.

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NOTE FILE.

Firka Development Department.

/From the Collr. of S.Kanara, Reg.No.B.I.5726/46,dt.30-4-47.
(Issued as letter No.36820 K.II/46-14,dt.8-5-47).
From the C.E.(Genl.Buldgs. & Defence) No.5492.Wks/46-14,dt.26-4-47
" " Director of R.& E. Rc.No.1166/47-B1,dt.12-5-47.

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TO A.S.

A depot is being constructed at the headquarters of the firkas and centres selected for intensive rural reconstruction work for the storage of agricultural implements, tools, seeds, manures etc. These depots are to be housed in M.B. or Lahore and Nissen sheds which have been allotted to the firkas and centres

In regard to the construction of these sheds, Dev.Commr. suggested that the work can be got done through the agency of the Directorate of Resettlement and Employment whose services would be available free of cost. As ordered by him, Mr.Gnanaprakasam, Executive Engineer & Secy., Madras Labour Contracts Society was requested to give an estimate of the cost of construction of these sheds and the following are his estimates in respect of various items:

Erection of steel work and sheeting.	Rs.870/- (approx.)
Concrete foundations.	300
" snacks for doorways.	250
Masonary flooring	300
Total	Rs.4420/-

All Collectors were then requested to execute the work either through P.W.D. or through local contractors only at or below the rates specified above. In case they were not able to get the work done within the limits prescribed by Govt. they were requested to report to Govt. The Collrs. of the following districts have desired that the work may be entrusted to the agency of the Resettlement Directorate.

(1) Anantapur
(2) Bellary
(3) Salem
(4) South Arcot
(5) Tinnevelly
(6) Guntur
(7) North Aroot
(8) Cuddapah
(9) West Godavari
(10) Vizagapatam
(11) Madura.

Accordingly, the directorate was addressed in the matter. As it was thought that the Directorate was going rather slow, they were requested to state whether they would be able to take up the work simultaneously in all the 9 districts at items (1) - (9) above and if so how long it will take for them to finish the work. The reply from the Director of Resettlement & Employment in this regard is at pp.135 c.f. He states that the work of erection of the sheds in the firkas can be taken up only after completion of erection of M.B. sheds for workshops and Motor Transport Cooperative Societies in 20 districts.

We cannot wait till/ then. Our work/ is urgent. Sd. x x.

As the work of erection of these sheds has already been delayed badly, it is perhaps not desirable to wait till the /services of the tech.field staff of the Directorate become available.

For orders.

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Attention is solicited to Chief Engineer's reference at p.133 c.f. in which he has pointed out that the cost sanctioned for items (1)-(3) of Memo on p.7 c.f. is too low and unworkable. The C.E. has furnished a statement showing the cost of erection of M.B. Sheds by Agr. Dept. The amounts shown are the lowest tender rates. The avera e cost of erection is Rs.12,00/- per Lahore Shed and Rs.9,000/- for M.B. Shed.

In this connection the estimates furnished by P.W.D. for the erection of sheds in certain firkas is given below:

DISTRICT.	FIRKA	TYPE OF SHED.	TOTAL COST OF ERECTION. Rs.
Kurnool	Kurnool	M.B.	3000-4000/-
Trichy	Musiri	M.B.	5730 (including of centage charges.)
Coimbatore	Palladam	Lahore	8740
Bellary	Alur	M.B.	18,000
Vizagapatam	Penruthi	M.B.	19,000
Tiruvallur	Chingleput	Lahore	9,975

In the above circumstances, it is for consideration whether the rates of Rs.12,000/- for a Lahore Shed and Rs.9,000/- for the M.B.Shed give' by the C.E. may be accepted as the maximum rate in supersession of the orders issued in Memo on p.69 c.f. If, so, the Collrs. may be asked to erect these sheds through the P.W.D. or other available agency within the above maximum rates accepting the lowest tender rates. For orders. Pub.(Resettlement), P.W.D. & Fin. may see.

I think this has to be accepted.BWD will advise.
Sd. x x

Sd. x x/23-5-47. Secy./Sd. x x26-5-47.
PWb.(P.&.D.)36820.VIII/46-15,dt.26-5-47.

Pub.(R.S.)Deptt.

The note of Food Dept. from X on page 13 ante may be read. The rates given by the ChiefEngineer for the erection of a M.B. shed is more than twice the rate quoted by the D.R.E. For orders whether this dept. may agree to the increase of the rate for the erection of the M.& B sheds, as it is reported that it is not desirable to wait till the technical staff of the Resettlement Directorate becomes available. After orders are passed, the file may be passed on to P.W.D.

Question of rates is not for this Dept.
Sd. x x

Sd. x x/31-5-47.

If it is not possible to wait and the matter is regarded as so urgent as to be pushed through even at higher cost, this dept. need not object.

Sd. x x/31-5-47.
Pub.(R.S.)U.O.2617/47-1,dt.31-5-1947.

P.W.D.(C).

This Deptt. may also accept the proposal at 'A' on p.15 ante. The estimate of the C.E. is based on actual tender rates and no reduction seems possible.

2. The file may be passed on to Fin.

Sd. x x/2-6-47. Sd. x x/2-6-47./ Secy.

P.W.D.No.3435 C/47-1,dt.2-6-47.

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Finance Deptt. (Expe)

(Finance last noted on p. 9 above)

The Chief Engineer's reference at pages 133-134 c.f. and the notes from the middle of page 13 above may be perused.

2. In the circumstances explained, it is submitted that Finance may also agree to the proposal at A on p. 16 above.

Sd. x x/2-6-47. Sd. x x 3-6-47./Secy.
Fin.U.O.No.3321/48-C.1, dt. 3-6-47.

Pub.(P.&.D).

A.S.(Firka Dev.)

As we are experiencing difficulty about the erection of Lahore or Nissen Sheds, H.P.M. wants us to address the Mil.'s authorities and ask them to lend us the services of an officer who knows how to erect them.

Please put up necessary draft.
Sd. x x /27-6-47.

Pub.(Firka Dev.).

TO A.S.

A draft letter to H.Q.,Madras Area is submitted as ordered above; the last sentence of para 2 is for specific approval.

In one instance, viz., in the case of construction of the shed in Chingleput Dt., Govt. had categorically stated that the drafting of the services of the Military officer for this purpose should not involve this Govt. in any extra expenditure by way of charging for the services. It is felt that the present proposals stands on an entirely different footing. A number of sheds have to be erected in various places of this Presidency and the Officer deputed may have to remain a no. of days in the village parts and consequently the incentive to spare the services of the officer should be provided by inviting the military authorities to specify the salary and allowance that will de demanded by the officer. The use of word "lend" in the Addl.Secy's orders lends support to this view. Finance may see after the reply from the H.Q.,if necessary.

2. In view of the Military authorities being addressed in regard to the erection of these sheds, it would seem better to ascertain from the Collectors the stage at which the erection of the shed now is, so that the order of priority of firkas in respect of which the services of the Military officer are required may be fixed, as soon as the services of the Military officer are placed at the disposal of this Govt. A draft memo to the Collrs. is submitted for approval.

3. The reply from the C.E.(Highways' to the Memo at p.153 c.f. has not yet been received. He may be reminded. A draft reminder is submitted.

We have to erect 34 sheds and they are of 3 types, viz., M.B., Lahore and Nisan as shown below:-

M.B. Sheds	17
Lahore "	11
Nisan "	6
Total.	34

The Agricultural Dept. were allotted about 50 M.B. sheds

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and some of them have already been erected and that Dept. experienced no difficulty in erecting these sheds. The Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Defence) has told us that the estimates prepared by the Agricultural Dept. for M.B. sheds were scrutinized in his office and he stated that the average cost of erection of a M.B. shed will work out to Rs.9,000/-. As regards Lahore sheds, the Chief Engineer pointed out that his Dept. had already done these works in Vizagapatam and Anantapur dts. and that the erection of Lahore sheds will cost about Rs.12,000/-. We brought this to the notice of the Collectors and empowered them to have the sheds erected at the above cost through the P.W.D. or through the local contractors. Before the issue of these orders, as some of the Collectors wanted to have either a plan or technical assistance, we have forwarded copies of their letters to the Chief Engineer and have asked the latter to furnish very urgently the Collectors concerned the necessary technical literature and assistance. As a matter of abundant caution, though it was quite unnecessary, we have even asked the Chief Engineer to contact the military engineering staff, if necessary. As regards Nisan sheds, a supply of six of them has been ordered only very recently, and we have not yet heard from any of the Collectors of any difficulty in erecting them.

The military authorities may demand T.A.,D.A. and extra remuneration, if they were to send us an officer. In this connection it may be of interest to note that the Collector, Nilgiris addressed the Garrison Engineer, Willington about the middle of January last, whether he will undertake the construction work of the Lahore shed. The Collector reported in the beginning of June that he had not received a reply from the Garrison Engineer, and it does not appear that he has received one even now. There is, however, no harm in asking the military authorities whether they could lend us a military officer who is conversant with the erection of these sheds.

Draft for approval.

Sd. x x /1-7-. /Addl.Secy.

We have had these sheds on our hands for some considerable time and at a discussion in H.P.M's room he said that if we obtained the services of a man from the Army, it would probably be possible to erect them all within a short period.

It is probably worth while paying for the salary etc. of the officer deputed.

Fin. may see the draft before issue.

Sd. x x /2-7-47. Fin.

Pub.(F.D.)U.O.No.36820 FD/47-22,dt.2-7-47.

Fin.(C.S.R)

(Previous Finance note on page 9 above)

The draft letter may be perused and the case returned Public.

Sd. x x/4-7-47. Pub.

Fin.U.O.No.39740.CSR-1/dt.5-7-47.

Issue at once please.

Sd. x x/7-7.

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TO A.S.

Submitted that a number of M.B., Lahore and Twin Nissen sheds (prefabricated iron sheds) were purchased by this Govt. from Military authorities. Some of them have been allotted for use in connection with the Rural Reconstruction scheme launched by this Govt. As some difficulty was experienced about the erection of these sheds, at the instance of the H.P.M., the Military authorities were asked for the loan of services of an officer who knows how to erect them. The replies received from the Ministry of Defence and the C.R.E.,Madras are at pages 227 and 229 c.f. They may be perused. The Ministry of Defence has stated that the request of this Govt. has been passed on to the C.E.,Southern Command, Poona with instructions to that officer to render such assistance as may be possible. It has also been stated that this assistance must however be limited to the loan of an officer in an advisory capacity. The C.R.E.,Madras has presumably at the instance of C.E.,Poona forwarded the necessary books and plans for (a) Lahore sheds, (b) M.B.Sheds and(c)Twin Nissen huts. He has also suggested that the Engineer in charge of erection of sheds may visit Poona, Dehu Road, or Tambaram, where he would be able to see the sheds under erection.

In this connection it is submitted that the Govt. have since decided to appoint a full time Executive Engineer to look after the erection of the sheds allotted for Rural Reconstruction work - vide orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.3158, Public (Firka Development) dated 18-10-1947 sanctioning the post.. The orders relating to the posting of the officer will be issued separately in the P.W.D. It is recalled in this connection that the C.E.(Genl) has stated that in view of the importance of the work Sri Rao Saheb C.V.G.Narasimha Rao, Executive Engineer, will be selected for this speaial work.

The points for orders now are:-

May be forwarded.
Sd. x x
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(1) Whether the books and plans furnished by the C.R.E. Madras may be forwarded to the Sol.Ex.Engr. who will be apptd.

Does not appear necessary.
Sd. x x

(2) whether the question of deputing him to Poona, Dehu, or Tambaram to study the erection of the various sheds will be taken up for consideration, if necessary, after the said appt.

May be deferred.
Sd. x x
Sd. x x

(3) In view of the appt. of an Ex.Engr. the question of taking on loan an officer of the military dept. will be deferred for the present.

P.W.D. May see.

Sd. x x /3-11.

The books and plans sent by the C.R.E., should be forwarded to the E.E. now appointed.

He need not be deputed to Poona to see the erection of Twin Nissen Huts and T.G. sheds. But he may be permitted, if he so desires, to visit Tambaram to see how Twin Nissen huts are being erected. If this E.E. has considerable experience of this kind of erection works, he may not care to go (to) Tambaram.

Sd. x x
6-11-47.

Pub.(F.D.)U.O.No.36820-II/47-34,dated 7-11-47.

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P.W.D.

Notes from p. 36 ante may be perused and the file returned to Firka Development Dept.

Sd. x x/8-11-47. ~~FIXXIX~~.
P.W.U.O.No.6524 L/47-1,dt. 8-11-47

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F.D.IV.

TO A.S.

P.W.D. notes above may ~~be~~ perused.

As already ordered at 'A' on p. 36 ante, the plans will be forwarded to the Spl.E.E., after he joins duty.

I think we have already done this.
Sd. x x

Attention is invited to the report from the Collr. of Trichinopoly at p.219 c.f.

In another connection, it has been noted that separate orders, sanctioning the expenditure to be incurred for the erection of each storage sheds, should be issued. It is now for orders whether the memo already issued at pp.9-10 c.f. of (D) below is enough or separate orders to that effect may be issued. The Collr. of Trichinopoly has not yet submitted the completion report. He may be reminded.

For orders.

Sd. x x/22-12-.

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F.D.IV.

Resubmitted. The Blue print plans have since been handed over to the Spl.E.E.,Madras.

With ref. to 'B' at p. 36 ante, no further action seems called for.

For orders.

The collr. of Trichinopoly has not yet submitted the completion report for the erection of the M.B.Shed. A draft reminder is put up in L.F. for orders.

This file contains order regarding the progress made in the erection of sheds in the firkas etc. As separate files have been opened for each firka, no further action is now necessary in this file.

For orders, whether the papers may be recorded.

Subject to orders, a draft order is submitted for approval.

Sd. x x /10-1.

(Recorded as G.O.(Ms) No. 8, F.D., dated 12-1-1948).

/True copy/

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

PSR.7-1-54.